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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/458,582 filed on December 9, 1999.

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(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for TRANSCEIVER WITH LATENCY ALIGNMENT CIRCUITRY

(title of invention)

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3a. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

3b. A new specification, substantially identical to the pending prior application and containing no new matter, is enclosed.

4a. New formal drawings are enclosed.

4b. Informal drawings are enclosed.

5a. Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

5b. The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed

6. The prior application is assigned of record to Rambus Inc..

7a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/458,582, filed December 9, 1999 is enclosed.

7b. A copy of the Power of Attorney by Assignee with revocation filed in the prior application no. 09/458,582 filed December 9, 1999 is enclosed.

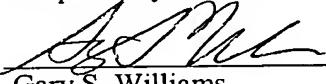
8. This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.

9. The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .

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11. Additional enclosures or instruction

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(54) **TRANSCEIVER WITH LATENCY ALIGNMENT CIRCUITRY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A transceiver system is described. A secondary memory module is coupled to a primary channel for receiving data and signals from a controller. The secondary memory module comprises a memory and a secondary channel for transmitting the data and control signals to the memory. The secondary memory module further comprises a transceiver coupled to the primary channel and the secondary channel. The transceiver is designed to electrically isolate the secondary channel from the primary channel. The transceiver is a low latency repeater to permit the data and the control signals from the controller to reach the memory, such that a latency of a data request from the controller is independent of a distance of the transceiver from the controller.

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